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METHAMPHETAMINE DISTRIBUTORS INDICTED

SACRAMENTO - United States Attorney John K. Vincent announced today that a federal grand jury returned a five-count indictment charging RANDY WAYNE LIMING, 25, of Citrus Heights, and LANCE MANSON TIDWELL, 32, of Fair Oaks, with conspiracy to distribute at least 500 grams of methamphetamine and possession with intent to distribute at least 500 grams of methamphetamine.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Douglas Sprague, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that from about April 2001 through June 2001, defendants LIMING and TIDWELL conspired to distribute several hundred grams of methamphetamine. The indictment also alleges that defendants LIMING and TIDWELL possessed at least 500 grams of methamphetamine on June 27, 2001, the day they were arrested.

The charges are only allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. If convicted, the mandatory minimum penalty under federal law is 10 years imprisonment and the maximum penalty is life in prison.

This case is the product of a joint investigation involving the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Placer County Special Investigations Unit.

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